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Question Time: Children going Greek?

Would you allow your son/daughter to join a fraternity/sorority?

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From the racist chants of the now-defunct University of Oklahoma chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon to the yearly round-up of hazing deaths and sexual assault charges from around the country, the Greek system is no stranger to controversy as of late. So, we wanted to know: "Say you have a son or daughter who is a college freshman and they call you to say they're thinking of joining a fraternity or sorority. What do you say in response? Why?"

Your answers

"Make your own friends, not bought ones." — **Andy Dicken**

"Absolutely! I was in the Greek system. I have lifelong friends and learned many life lessons. My son went Greek last year." — Kris and **Judi**

Townsend

"Be your own person." — **Kyle Fernung**

Our answers

“I'd ask them about their motivations and ask if anything in particular made them feel this way, especially if it were a new intent. If they offered a well-thought-out response, explaining the benefits not only during college but throughout life, I could be persuaded. If their response were simply a vague desire to fit in to the college lifestyle, I'd be concerned.” — **Patrick Caldwell**

Caldwell

“The main thing I want to know is how this impacts me financially. If it saves me money I say 'go for it.' If it's costing me money, then I'm putting my foot down. Obviously the whole point is for parties and booze, so if they do join I would reiterate my stance from when they went off to college that I'm not about to bail them out of jail and if they get kicked out of school they can't live in my basement.” — **Mike Rogers**

“It would really depend. I did not join a fraternity in college, but my brother did. In fact, our parents met because they were in a paired sorority/fraternity, so you could say we're a product of the Greek system. Right now, if my son were in college, the only fraternity I would consider letting him join would be one with a dry house, like Phi Delta Theta. I would be less skeptical if I had a daughter who wanted to join a sorority. But maybe that's because I'm a man and I know how terrible males can be, especially when we run in drunken packs.” — **Rob Burgess**

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